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# Navy Members Can Now Manage Life Insurance Online

**WASHINGTON** — Navy members now have the opportunity to enroll or change their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) online. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began enrollment for Navy members in the SGLI Online Enrollment System (SOES) on April 5.

SOES allows active-duty and eligible reserve and Guard members to manage their SGLI and Family SGLI coverage electronically at any time, from anywhere in the world.

"Now, the Navy, and soon all of our nation's service members, will be able to manage their coverage and beneficiaries online — just like their private-sector counterparts" said Thomas Murphy, acting under secretary for Benefits at VA. "Moving to an online, self-service system brings the SGLI program in line with current insurance industry best practices."

VA is collaborating with the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) and the Uniformed Services to develop this system. It will be available through DMDC's milConnect web application, which allows service members to review personal, health care and personnel information from one reliable source, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

The SOES rollout to the remaining uniformed services will be completed in phases through the end of the year, ensuring a smooth transition for all service members.

To ensure support for service members using the new system, VA is working with DOD and the individual uniformed services to train key service personnel as SOES becomes available to each branch.

More information on SOES is available at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>.

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